

# THEODORE ROOSEVELT

## 1901 - 1909



**Theodore Roosevelt** was born in New York City in 1858. He graduated from Harvard. During the Spanish American War he led a famous charge at the battle of San Juan. He served in the New York Assembly, Police Commissioner of New York City, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy under McKinley. In 1880, he married Alice Hathaway Lee, who died in 1884. They had one daughter.

**Edith Caron Roosevelt**, Theodore's second wife, was born in 1861 in Connecticut. Edith was a playmate of Theodore's sister and their families were close friends. Two years after the tragedy of Alice Lee's death, Edith and Theodore were married and settled at Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, where they had five children over ten years.



**President Theodore Roosevelt** was elected governor of New York in 1898, and McKinley's vice president in 1900. He became President, when McKinley was assassinated in 1901. The youngest president in U.S. history, he began a program of government reform and conservation of natural resources. He championed the rights of the "little man." His policies disposed of Columbia's objections to the Panama Canal by allowing a revolt in Panama. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his part in bringing the Russo-Japanese War to an end. He was defeated in his bid for a third term. He died at Oyster Bay on January 16, 1919.

When McKinley's death brought the Roosevelts to the White House, Edith assumed her duties with dignity, but she sought to guard her family's privacy and to exclude reporters from her domain. One well-known event at the Roosevelt White House was the wedding of Edith's stepdaughter, Alice, to Nicholas Longworth. Edith Roosevelt kept her home at Oyster Bay until her death on September 30, 1948.

### Arizona Timeline

- 1901 - Harvey House opened in Kingman. Salt River Water Users' Association formed; It was the nation's first multi-use reclamation project.
- 1903 - E.T. Perkins surveys along the Colorado River and recommends dam sites of Boulder, Black Canyon, Bullhead and Parker.
- 1904 - The Elks Lodge 468, founded in 1899, formally dedicates their building located at North 4th and Oak Street.
- 1906 - Referendum on joint Arizona-New Mexico statehood is rejected in Arizona by a vote of 16,265 to 3,141.
- 1907 - Santa Fe Depot opened at Kingman.. Clement C. Leigh is hung behind a stockade at the Mohave County Courthouse for killing Jennie Bauters.